Area planted by rubber.

522. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the extent of the area planted by rubber;

(b) and how much of them are owned by non-Cochinites?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon:—(a) 13,891·3 acres.

(b) 12, 891·3 acres.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether the extent of the land mentioned here are lands leased by the Government or assessed by them?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Leased by the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether there are no lands which have been assessed on which rubber has been planted.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No assigned lands.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether rubber has not been as a matter of fact planted in areas not leased by the Government?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There are some private lands.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Government given remission of tax to these lands where rubber has been cultivated?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—They have given remission. They have reduced the assessment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the extent of the private lands in which rubber has been planted?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I have no information.

Anchal Superintendent.

523. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) for what length of time Mr. Chandy had been the Superintendent of Anchals;

(b) who were his successors in office and how long each of his successors held the office; why they ceased to be Superintendents;

(c) what was the office held by them prior to their becoming Superintendents?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) 21 and odd years.

(b) Messrs. (1) K. Kochunny Menon, (2) A. P. Anthony, (3) V. Achyuta Menon, (4) T. P. Damodaran Unni and (5) C. Ramankutty Menon. Of these, numbers 1 and 2 ceased to be Superintendents by their transfer as Devaswam Commissioner and Superintendent of Registration respectively, and numbers 3 and 4 by retirement consequent on superannuation. Number 5 is still continuing in his post.

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Mr. Kochunny Menon was Superintendent from 22-7-03 to 10-9-03,
Mr. Anthony from 10-9-03 to 25-7-04,
Mr. Achyuta Menon from 25-7-04 to 5-11-05,
Mr. Unni from 5-11-05 to 10-12-06 and
Mr. C. Ramankutty Menon from 10-12-06 onwards.

(c) They were all Tahsildars before they were appointed as Anchal Superintendents.

Head clerks—Registration Department—appointment as Registrars.

524. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether as a matter of fact the Superintendent of Registration had made a strong recommendation on behalf of some Head clerks of the Registration Department to give them permanent places as Registrars;

(b) were not these recommendations made by the Superintendent on reference by the Government regarding this subject;

(c) when was the reference made and what was the reference;

(d) whether it is a fact that subsequent to this report acting as well as permanent vacancies of Registrars were filled up otherwise than by giving those posts to these recommended persons;

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, the reasons for such appointments?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) The Superintendent had reported that some of the non-graduate head clerks, who had previously acted as District Registrars, might be given preference.

(b) The report referred to in (a) was submitted in reply to a reference made to him.

(c) On 23—7—1931. He was asked to report on the possibility of such preference being shown.

(d) Yes.

(e) Candidates with better educational qualifications were available.

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